shares of the States including Kerala had been determined by the Finance Commissions in accordance with the priniciples adopted by them.

(b) The recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission for 1990—95 have already been accepted by the Government.

(c) and (d) The State Government has referred to the over all revenue deficit of Rs. 219.46 crores left uncovered by the Commission for 1990-91 and requested for overdraft facility of Rs. 220 crores for the current year to meet the revenue expenditure needs of the State and a long term loan of Rs. 100 crores. These requests of the State Government are under consideration and final decisions are expected to be taken soon.

Loss to Exchequer Due to Reduction in Customs Duty

1065. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of B.J.P. that on account of liberalised reduction in customs duty there will be a loss to the tune of Rs. 12000 crores to the exchequer during the next six years; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to arrest the fall in customs duty collection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The Government is not aware of any liberalised of BJP that on account of liberalised reduction in customs duty there will be a loss to the tune of Rs. 12,000 crores to the exchequer during the next six years.

(b) Does not arise.

Quantum of Loans waived

1066. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loans so far waived under the loan waiver scheme, State-wise; and

(b) the number of farmers benefited thereby?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Implementation of the agricultural Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990 is at different stage of implementation in various States. Till the banks submit the claim statements, it would not be possible to indicate any estimates State-wise about the number of farmers who are likely to be benefited by the scheme. Similarly, the amount of money involved in the debt relief scheme can be worked out only after banks perpare the list of beneficiaries eligible for relief under the Scheme.

Financial Assistance to States for Writing off Agricultural Loans

1067. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government have approached the centre for financial help for writing off the agricultural loans; and

(b) if so, the details of the demand and the state-wise financial help proposed to be provided to the State Governments to meet their financial burden?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Government of India have formulated a scheme known as 'Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990' for providing debt relief to farmers, landless cultivators, artisans and weavers upto Rs. 10,000/- by public sector banks and regional rural banks

In so far as the banks in cooperative sector are concerned, State Governments have been requested to frame a scheme on similar pattern. In order to assist the State Governments in regard to debt relief scheme on central pattern, it has been decided that the Central Government will bear 50 per cent of the burden of relief on loans taken from Co-operative Banks and Land Development Banks in the State Sector. The Government of India have also advised the State Governments that the State Cooperative Banks and State Land Development Banks can avail concessional loan from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to meet their share of 50 per cent of the cost of debt relief of the Cooperatives.

The amount of money involved in the Debt Relief Scheme and the respective shares of the Union Government and State Governments therein will be known after banks prepare their final claims.

NRI Investment in India

1068. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state what is the total amount of investment in India by the Non-Resident Indians by the end of the last financial year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): According to the Reserve Bank the total NRI investments in India as on 31-3-1990, since April 1982 are as follows::

(Rupees in crores)

(a) Direct investment . .	1466.62
(b) Direct Investment on non-repatriation . .	302.68
(c) Portfolio Investment .	75.83
(d) Deposits received by Indian Companies . .	27.13
(e) Bank Deposits . .	17663.00 (Provisional)

Introduction of a Blanket Advance Licences Scheme for Exporters

1069. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently introduced a blanket advance licences scheme for exporters;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to give more facilities to the exporters; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are contained in Chapter XIX of the Import-Export Policy and Hand Book of Procedures, 1990-93.

(c) and (d) Review of Import-Export Policy is a continuous process. All decisions taken by the Government are notified by way of Public Notices, copies of which are also sent to Parliament Library.

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†WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 13TH AUGUST, 1990

इलैक्ट्रो-होम्योपैथी चिकित्सा पद्धति संबंधी समिति का प्रतिवेदन

*81. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री 28 मई, 1990 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1988 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इलैक्ट्रो-होम्योपैथी चिकित्सा पद्धति को मान्यता प्रदान करने हेतु गठित की गई समिति अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर चुकी है ;

†The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Monday, the 13th August, 1990 was cancelled as announced in the House on 7-8-1990. Answers to Questions put down in the list for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, the 16th August, 1990.